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1. MOVEMENT TOWARD NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE
CONTINUES AT A RAPID PACE (REFTELS). ON AUGUST 16 IDENTICAL
COMMUNIQUES WERE PUBLISHED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN LUANDA AND KINSHASA
WHICH ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT NETO WOULD BE PAYING A 48 HOUR

"VISIT OF FRIENDSHIP" TO KINSHASA BEGINNING AUGUST 19. ZAIRIAN MEDIA USED THE OCCASION TO EULOGIZE THE TWO CHIEFS OF STATE FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES AND TO PRAISE CONGOLESE LEADERS, PAST AND PRESENT FOR ASSISTING IN THE RECONCILIATION, ZAIRIAN MEDIA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU WOULD SOON BE PAYING A VISIT TO LUANDA.

2. DURING CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE ON AUGUST 17, GOZ SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IDZUMBUIR SAID ANGOLAN DELEGATION WAS ARRIVING THAT DAY FOR RESUMPTION OF "MIXED" COMMISSION MEETINGS WITH ZAIRIANS TO PREPARE FOR NETO'S ARRIVAL. HE SAID GOZ IS APPREHENSIVE ABOUT RAPIDITY OF RAPPROCHEMENT AND BELIEVES THAT PACE OF RECONCILIATION SHOULD BE MORE MEASURED. IDZUMBUIR COMMENTED THAT UNLESS PROCESS SLOWS DOWN SOME, TWO SIDES WOULD NOT HAVE TIME TO STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP AND THEREFORE WOULD RUN RISK OF SOME MISUNDERSTANDING THAT WOULD SET BACK RECONCILIATION PROCESS WITH UNFORTUNATE REPERCUSSIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, IDZUMBUIR SAID, GOZ ATTITUDE IS THAT NO IMPORTANT POLITICAL DECISIONS SHOULD BE FORMALIZED IN THIS MEETING. GOZ HOPES INSTEAD TO LAY GROUNDWORK IN THIS WEEK'S GET-TOGETHER FOR SOME KING OF AGREEMENT WHICH MIGHT BE SIGNED WHEN MOBUTU GOES TO LUANDA.

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